

## DETAILS OF EXPLOSION

Master of Ocean Tug Gives Account of Missouri Disaster.

WAS 100 YARDS FROM HER

Last of Thirty-two Dead Shipped to Their Homes—Trains Bearing Bodies Draped.

(By Associated Press.)  
PENSACOLA, FLA., April 15.—The explosion in the twelve-inch turret of the battleship Missouri, which occurred Wednesday, killing thirty-two men, continues to be the sole topic of discussion among the hundreds of naval officers here, and many incidents of the occurrence are recalled by those who were either on board or near the ship. Theories are being advanced as to the cause of the disaster, but the most expert officers admit that they cannot explain how the explosion was caused.

The master of an ocean tug gives the best account of the explosion. The tug was about one hundred yards distant from the Missouri until the explosion occurred. The master was watching the firing, when he saw a puff of smoke shoot through the top of the turret. For two or three minutes this continued, when there was a dull thud and the smoke became blacker and thicker, followed by flames, which burst through the turret and leaped fifty feet into the air. Just prior to the bursting out of the flames, he saw a mangled body shoot up through the turret and fall on the starboard side of the Missouri. The master of the tug started his vessel towards the Missouri, when she suddenly turned and heading toward him at full speed, signalled the tug to follow. The big battleship went full speed for nearly three miles towards the beach, holding signals to the Texas, Scorpion and one or two other vessels, all of which were following close behind. The tugboat was almost run down by the Missouri. The latter continued at full speed, the smoke and flames pouring out of her turret to within one hundred yards of the beach, when the battleship was brought to a standstill. The tug was close behind the big ship, and Captain Cowles could be seen on the bridge giving instructions to his men. Streams of water were being pumped out of the turret, and the ship began to list to starboard. The tugboat men saw Captain Cowles turn from his work of directing the fighting of the fire and observe the ship. He immediately gave orders, and the big ship came to a stop so close to the beach that the men on the tugboat and other ships thought she was ashore.

The last of the thirty-two bodies were shipped to their respective homes to-night. Twelve went out to-day at noon, and the train carrying the bodies was decorated from end to end in mourning.

## INVESTIGATION.

Court Lose No Time Looking Into Cause of Disaster.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—Searching investigation will be made by the court of inquiry on the Missouri accident, regarding the statement that four charges of ammunition were in the handling room of the after turret of the Missouri, ready to be hoisted to the turret, at the time the explosion occurred. This fact has been reported by the newspaper. Naval officers here, however, seem to be borne out by the statement of a number of officers that it had been thought necessary in order to fire as rapidly as our ships have been firing to keep several charges in the turret room, even though it is not in accord with the regulations, that no time may be lost in bringing the charges in the magazine. If such be the case, it can be said that this condition of affairs will be promptly remedied.

Notwithstanding the mystery which still surrounds the cause of the Missouri accident, the announcement was made at the Navy Department yesterday that there would be no suspension of target practice at Pensacola, but that the other ships, which have not yet fired, will go on the range at the regular time.

It was learned to-night that the Navy Department is considering the appointment of a board of distinguished naval officers to take up the whole question of target practice in the navy, thoroughly examine the regulations in force, and make the necessary changes, and make a report to the secretary, showing, among other things, whether the present system of target practice should be modified.

Rear-Admiral Capps, chief constructor of the navy, who has gone to Pensacola to inspect the Missouri, at once will look into the question of equipping the turrets with bottoms.

A telegram received to-day at the Navy Department announced the appointment of Lieutenant M. L. Bristol as Judge Advocate of the court of inquiry. Lieutenant Bristol is one of the ordinance experts of the navy and an officer of marked ability.

Court in Session.

(By Associated Press.)  
PENSACOLA, FLA., April 15.—The court of inquiry to-day examined into the cause of the explosion of the Missouri, the battleship of the Caribbean Squadron, president of the court, and the members of the court have been selected as far as possible from vessels of other squadrons.

It is not expected, however, by those who are familiar with the circumstances, that the court will recommend any proceedings in the case, inasmuch as those who are presumed to be at fault were the turret officers and were killed by the explosion.

Developments to-day tend to throw some light on the disappearance of W. J. Boardman, a seaman who was in the turret. Two seamen, who were on the afternoon they saw a man's body blown through the hole in the top of the turret and into the gulf. In the excitement of the moment they made no effort

## DOCTOR'S PRESCRIBE TO-NI-TA FOR CATARRH

And Praise Dr. Lorentz for His Great Discovery, Which, They Say, Is a Boon to Suffering Humanity.

MUCOUS MEMBRANE BITTERS.

The following letter from Dr. Schall was taken at random from hundreds received from prominent doctors throughout the country by Dr. Lorentz, the great catarrh specialist:



DR. H. M. SCHALL.

Lorentz Medical Co., Flatiron Building, New York City. Gentlemen: TO-NI-TA is the most perfect tonic and stimulant that has ever come to my notice. I became familiar with the prescription from which TO-NI-TA is compounded a number of years ago, through my professional association with Dr. Lorentz. Relying upon his skill, I began using TO-NI-TA in my own practice, and with the most signal success.

I have treated every variety of disease in both men and women which attacks the mucous membrane, and I believe there is not a case so severe, no matter how long standing, that TO-NI-TA will not relieve and cure.

"In lung troubles, in nervous disorders, and wherever the mucous membrane is the general breakdown is indicated. TO-NI-TA is uniformly effective. I always prescribe it."

"I will avail myself of any opportunity to answer correspondence relative to this medicine." HARRY M. SCHALL, M. D., Rochester, N. Y.

Every organ and every part of the human body is either covered by or lined with a mucous membrane of tissue, and

to reach the body, but rushed to fire quarters when the alarm was sounded.

## ADMIRAL BARKER REPLIES

President Receives Answer to His Expression of Sympathy.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—The following telegram has been transmitted to the President through the Secretary of the Navy from Rear Admiral Barker, in reply to the President's expression of sympathy:

"The officers and men under my command thank the President, through the commander-in-chief of the fleet, and the Secretary of the Navy, for his kind message of sympathy in this time of sorrow. They are proud of the heroism displayed by the sailors of the Missouri in the Missouri in extinguishing the flames near the magazine of the vessel immediately after the explosion, thus avoiding more terrible disaster."

Admiral Barker sent a similar telegram of thanks to Secretary Moody.

## NEWS GLEANED FROM THE STATE AT LARGE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BRISTOL, VA., April 15.—Mrs. McClellan, widow of the late J. B. McClellan, who was one of the wealthiest men in the county, has purchased of Mr. Lee C. Smith the handsome brick residence at the corner of the main road and the railroad. This property is one of the most valuable in the city.

BRISTOL, VA.—Mr. James G. Latimer has resigned as telegraph editor of the Bristol Herald. His successor has not yet been selected.

DANVILLE, VA.—The City Democratic Committee last evening decided to hold the municipal primary Thursday, May 12.

BOYDTON, VA.—The stockholders of the Bank of Mecklenburg met yesterday afternoon at the bank to elect a new board of directors.

COMO, VA.—Mr. John Greger, an excellent man and highly respected citizen, died yesterday at his home in Como, Va.

DANVILLE, VA.—The Board of Supervisors of the county met yesterday afternoon at the courthouse to take steps to secure the construction of the proposed Tidewater Railway to Danville.

ETNA, MILLS, VA.—The recent frost did no damage to fruit and tobacco plants, as the fruit is very late budding out and most of the tobacco plants are coming in freely from the shores now.

WATERLOO, VA.—A fish and shell market was held yesterday at the fair grounds, and a large number of specimens were sold.

WATERLOO, VA.—A monument to the memory of the first Confederate soldier to fall in battle during the Civil War, Captain John H. Warrington, will be dedicated at Fairfax Courthouse Wednesday, June 1st, at the place where Mr. Warrington was killed.

WATERLOO, VA.—The Board of Supervisors have made no answer to the rule issued against them by Judge Grimsley in regard to a courthouse building.

WATERLOO, VA.—The secretary of the County Democratic Committee has called a mass meeting for each village in the county, to elect members of the new committee, which will meet at Lunenburg Courthouse the second Monday in May to elect county officers.

WATERLOO, VA.—The rumor to the effect that the Norfolk and Southern Railway had acquired its only active competitor, the Suffolk and Carolina

Railway, is denied by managers of both systems.

NORFOLK, VA.—Judge Hancock, of the corporation court, today granted a new trial to Weston Collins, the only man convicted of all those arraigned by the Norfolk Medical Society on the charge of practicing medicine without a license.

He claimed to cure by electricity and surgery. He was sentenced to the penitentiary for one year.

PETERSBURG, VA.—Messrs. Edward Perkins and William Goodwin, two of the crew of the battleship Missouri, and were aboard the warship when the accident occurred this week. Much uneasiness was felt by their friends in Petersburg until it was shown by the list of wounded that they had escaped injury.

PULASKI, VA.—Oliver Sowers, charged with highway robbery here, and caught in West Virginia, was today given a preliminary trial, and sent on to a grand jury.

STANTON, VA.—The Board of Canvassers of Augusta county met Thursday in the office of the circuit clerk and canvassed the vote cast at Tuesday's election in Washington, D. C.

WARM SPRINGS, VA.—Mrs. J. L. Eubank and Mrs. E. T. Gover, proprietors of the Hotel Eubank, were spending the winter in Charlottesville, having returned to again take charge of this resort.

WEST POINT, VA.—Daily boats on the York River line will begin Monday, April 19th.

WEST POINT, VA.—Miss Helen Robinson, while out hunting wild flowers with her friends, fell and knocked her knee out of place. She was taken to the hospital in the West Point public school, with wonderful presence of mind, acted the part of surgeon, and well done.

WINCHESTER, VA.—John Goss, aged 60, died at his home on Monday. He was committed suicide near Cumberland, Md., yesterday while despondent.

WINCHESTER, VA.—A man and his wife were arrested for defrauding the Cumberland Valley Railroad out of several hundred dollars by duplicating receipts for freight charges.

WILLIAMSBURG, VA.—Rev. H. T. Louthan represented Williamsburg at the University of Virginia Alumni banquet, and responded to the toast "Our Alma Mater."

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION IN NEW YORK CITY

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, April 15.—Democratic convention in the thirty-seven assembly districts of New York county, for the election of delegates and alternates to the State convention, was held to-day. In no one of the districts were the delegates instructed to support any one candidate. Among the delegates elected were Charles F. Murphy, Congressman W. Bourke Cochran, former Mayor Robert A. Van Wyck, Senator Thomas F. Grady and Senator Victor J. Dowling.

HOLMES ARRESTED.

Charged With Cursing and Abusing Manager Wuerz.

Sheridan Holmes, the ex-stage manager of the Factory Girl, was arrested to-day by the police at the instigation of Manager Wuerz. The charge against him is cursing and abusing Wuerz. He was taken to the police station last night. Holmes expressed profound sorrow at what had happened. Later Mr. Wuerz said he had no desire to push the charge, and it is probable the case will be dismissed in the Police Court this morning.

## GIVES FUND FOR HEROES

Mr. Carnegie Gives Five Million Dollars for Such and Their Dependents.

GREW OUT OF MINE DISASTER

Great Loss of Life Led the Philanthropist to Work Out the Plan—Its Provisions.

(By Associated Press.)

PITTSBURG, PA., April 15.—It was made known here to-day that Andrew Carnegie has created a fund of five million dollars for the benefit of dependents of those who lose their lives in heroic effort to save their fellowmen or for the heroes themselves, if injured only. Provision is also made for medals to be given in commemoration of heroic acts.

The fund is to be known as "The Hero Fund," and consists of five million dollars of first collateral five percent bonds of the United States Steel Corporation. The trust is placed in the hands of a commission, of which Charles L. Taylor is president and F. M. Williams secretary.

The scheme was conceived by Mr. Carnegie immediately after the Harwick mine disaster, when he summoned to New York Charles L. Taylor, chairman, and F. M. Williams, manager of the Andrew Carnegie Hotel Fund, to discuss with them plans for the relief of the sufferers.

What Its Purpose Is.

In a letter to the Hero Fund committee, Mr. Carnegie outlines the general statement of the fund, which, in his own words, is "to place those following peaceful vocations, who have been injured in heroic effort to save human life, in somewhat better positions pecuniarily than before until again able to work. In case of death, the widow and children, or other dependents to be provided for, the widow until she is remarried, and the children until they reach a self-supporting age. For exceptional children, exceptional grants may be made for exceptional education. Grants of sums of money may also be made to heroes or heroines as the commission thinks advisable, each case to be judged on its merits."

It is provided that no grant is to be continued unless it be soberly and properly used, and the recipients remain respectable, well-behaved members of the community.

Medals to be Given.

A medal shall be given to the hero or widow or next of kin, which shall recite the heroic deed it commemorates. The medal shall be given for the heroic act, even if the deed be unrequited, and also a sum of money, should the commission deem such a grant desirable. The fund embraced by the fund is the United States and Canada and the waters thereof. "The sea is the scene of many heroic acts," says Mr. Carnegie's letter. "and no action more heroic than that of doctors and nurses volunteering their services in the case of epidemics. Railroad employees are remarkable for heroism. All these and similar cases are embraced. Whenever heroism is displayed by man or woman in saving human life, the fund applies."

## The Theatres.

The performances this afternoon and to-night will conclude the engagement of Miss Percy Haswell and the Fawcett Stock Company in "The Great Unknown" at the Academy.

Rehearsals for "Camille" for next week have been completed, and the production promises to be the most brilliant of the stock season. Miss Haswell has her own conception of the great heroine of the Dumas story, and it is said to be a powerful and striking conception.

"The Factory Girl" to Leave. The final presentation of "The Factory Girl," which will be made to-day and to-night. The bill is one that apparently delights the public, as the play has been a great success since its performance. No play has won more applause than "The Factory Girl," which has Blaney finished at the end of each act.

"Pride of Jennico." The Boston Post, in its criticism of "The Pride of Jennico," says: "The play is a masterpiece of the kind, and the production promises to be the most brilliant of the stock season. Miss Haswell has her own conception of the great heroine of the Dumas story, and it is said to be a powerful and striking conception."

SEES THE PRESIDENT.

Miss Williams Gets Promise of Help From Several Sources.

The case of Miss Williams, of Henrico, and the land-grabbers is still attracting much attention. Investigation by her friends yesterday revealed the fact that the officers of the Tax Title Company are W. A. Nuckolls, president, and A. Lee, secretary, and treasurer. The directors are named W. A. Martin, Thomas B. Hope and H. C. McDaniel.

Miss Williams sought out the only W. A. Nuckolls in the directory, and he said he had nothing to do with the company.

She next tried to reach Director Martin, but was unable to do so. Finally she visited Mr. McDaniel, at his residence, on Randolph Street. Mr. McDaniel said he was president of the company and had known of it for some time. He said he had no desire to be held that he did not know the other people mentioned in the charter. He said he knew of two lawyers who were associated with the company and volunteered to see these in her behalf.

A prominent member of the Richmond bar, who is also a member of the Board of Aldermen, yesterday tendered his services to Miss Williams, saying he would do all in his power to help her.

Other developments of interest may be expected.

TWO CHARGES.

Man Carries Concealed Weapon and Passes Quiser Money.

Horace Owens was arrested last night on a charge of passing a counterfeit silver dollar on J. H. Nole. When searched he had a pair of brass knuckles in his pocket, and he was charged with carrying a concealed weapon.

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## PETERSBURG'S NEW WARDS

The City Council Sits Down Hard on the Use of Trading Stamps.

THE WRONG BODY SHIPPED

A Strange White Man Comes to Expectant Negroes in Place of Their Friend.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PETERSBURG, VA., April 15.—The Common Council to-night adopted the report of the committee on ward changes and rearrangement, and passed the license tax for the coming year.

The Council unanimously passed an ordinance imposing a yearly tax of \$200 on trading stamp companies. A representative of one of the two companies operating in Petersburg declared that it will have the effect of prohibiting trading stamps here.

THE WRONG CORPSE.

Something approaching astonishment was felt yesterday afternoon by a crowd of negroes who had gone to a railroad station to meet the remains of one of their number, only to find that the body sent to them was that of a white man, a total stranger.

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The grand jury for the term will consist of Messrs. J. B. Hardy, H. C. Jenkins, E. A. Hartley, R. T. Meade, John R. Turner, R. C. Scott, Isiah Brockwell, M. L. Harrison and John E. Kirkham. The veniremen will be Messrs. E. G. Adkins, W. B. Beach, T. Stanley, Beck, with Norman S. Brown, W. Y. Burge, O. B. Cole, A. J. Davis, S. H. Harrison, W. W. Hines, R. W. Pritchard, T. F. Heath, R. T. Matteson, R. H. Jeabury, J. W. Sutherland, F. O. Stralman and James Weddell.

The petit jury to assist the grand jury will consist of Messrs. C. M. Brister, R. B. Brunet, J. E. Culbert, V. M. Campbell, T. C. Crowder, H. T. Donnan and A. Wright, Jr.

RIDDICK MOROSE.

Mr. J. E. Riddick, adjudged insane several days since, was this evening taken to Williamsburg to be committed to the Eastern State Hospital. Just before departing Mr. Riddick seemed very morose and refused to give a farewell kiss to his wife, who had come to the jail to see her husband leave. He had refused to eat since yesterday.

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through a trap door in a store to the cellar below.

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WAS LOOKING FOR SOMEBODY

Arrivals of Virginians and Other Well Known People at the Local Hotels.

(By Associated Press.)

BOSTON, MASS., April 15.—Canadian reciprocity and Eugene Foss, its foremost champion in this section of New England, were decisively defeated to-day in the Boston State convention, called to elect four delegates at large to the Republican national convention at Chicago.

Mr. Foss, who before the convention had announced his intention of offering a reciprocity resolution, was defeated by a vote of 178 to 1,161 for his nearest contestant.

The following delegates at large were chosen: Ex-Governor W. Murray Crane, Senator Lodge, ex-Governor John D. Long, Colonel E. C. Benton. The platform endorses Roosevelt, and says: "Massachusetts will give him her support, not only in the national convention, but in the election. It insists upon the maintenance of the protective principle, demands free trade in the West, and calls for a man anti-trust law as a condition of a coalition with the party of the tariff."

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